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Flower Pots Or Plant Covers And Methods

Group Art Unit: 3643

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10(c)(1)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10(c)(1), Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to accord the above-identified application a filing date of July 1, 2003.

Statement of the Facts

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.53(b), Applicant mailed the continuation application identified above to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 1, 2003. The continuation application was mailed according to the "Express Mail" procedure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.10 and in accordance with the procedure set out in § 503 of MPEP, the application papers were accompanied by a self-address return postcard, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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In Accordance with § 503, the postcard recited pertinent identifying information. This information included a listing of the papers submitted, including the date deposited on, the title of the invention, the applicant's name, the attorney docket number assigned to the application, and the Express Mail number.

Attached is a true copy of the return postcard which was stamped received by the PTO dated 06/30/2003, assigned a serial number, 10/611,515, and returned to Applicant's attorney, and a true copy of the "Express Mail" mailing label showing the stamped "date-in" of July 1, 2003 (see Exhibit A).

On October 24, 2003, the Initial Patent Examination Division mailed a Filing Receipt. The Filing Receipt reflects the incorrect filing date of 06/30/2003. Applicant now petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to accord the application identified above a filing date of July 1, 2003. Applicant submits herewith a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt along with a copy of the filing receipt with the corrections noted thereon.

Applicant submits herewith copies of the first pages of application papers as originally filed with the PTO on July 1, 2003, which include: Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Exhibit B), Fee Transmittal (Exhibit C), Patent Application Fee Determination Record (Exhibit D), Specification (Exhibit E), Information Disclosure Statement (Exhibit F), Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (Exhibit G), and Copy of Notification of Filing of Continuing or Divisional Application (Exhibit H). The first page of each document reflects Express Mail Receipt No. EV 318425318 US and the date of deposit as July 1, 2003.

Summary

In view thereof, Applicant respectfully requests that this Petition be considered and that the application identified above be accorded a filing date of July 1, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to withdraw the Petition Fee of \$130.00, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (i), from Deposit Account No. 04-1700. However, since this error occurred through no fault of the Applicants, waiver of this fee requirement is requested, if possible.

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Please advise if anything further is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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8403.922 Attorney Docket No. Donald E. Weder First Inventor SHEETS OF MATERIAL HAVING FORMING INDICIA FOR FORMING INTO FLOWER POTS OR PLANT COVERS AND METHODS

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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